

II. Remarks

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 14, 16, 56, 57 and 59 were amended without prejudice or admission. Claims 14, 56, 57 and 59 were amended for proper antecedent basis. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 16, and 57 can be found, e.g., in paragraph [0036] of the specification.

Claims 1-11, 14, 16, 17, and 53-60 are pending, with claims 8 and 9 withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, and 53-60 are encompassed by the elected invention and the elected species.

B. Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 103

1. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-14, 16, 17, 53-55, 57 and 60

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 53-57, and 60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,639,476 ("Oshlack") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,136,345 ("Grimmett"), further in view of U.S. Publication 2003/0191147 ("Sherman").

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In an effort to advance prosecution, independent claims 1 and 57 were amended to recite that the coating coated over the anionic polymer coating comprises an alkylcellulose.

Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of the cited references does not teach

or suggest coating a coating comprising an alkylcellulose over the coating of an anionic polymer as recited in present independent claims 1 and 57. Applicants respectfully note that the hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose described in the Grimmer patent, and asserted by the Examiner to read on the materials of former claim 16, is a **hydroxyalkylcellulose**, rather than an alkylcellulose.

For the foregoing reason, and the reasons presented in the response filed on July 26, 2010, hereby incorporated by reference, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

2. Claims 1, 4, 58 and 59

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The rejection is respectfully traversed.


Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of the cited references does not teach or suggest a coating comprising an alkylcellulose coated over the coating of an anionic polymer.

For the foregoing reason, and the reasons presented in the response filed on July 26, 2010, hereby incorporated by reference, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in the event that a telephonic interview will advance the prosecution of the present application.

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